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SUBJECT: KAUNDA GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC ON VICTORIA FALLS MEETING

1. SENATOR CLARK, ACCOMPANIED BY ME AND MEMBERS HIS PARTY, HAD 40-MINUTE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA AT STATE HOUSE EVENING AUG 23 DURING WHICH KAUNDA GAVE MAJOR ATTENTION TO IMMINENT MEETING BETWEEN ANC NATIONALISTS AND IAN SMITH AT VICTORIA FALLS ON AUG 25. KAUNDA MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN PESSIMISTIC. SAID MEETING OFFERED CHANCE--BUT PERHAPS LAST-- TO SAVE SITUATION. KAUNDA AND SENATOR AGREED ON NEED FOR US TO DO MORE TO HELP FIND SOLUTIONS TO COMPLICATED PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

2. RHODESIA. KAUNDA SAID IT IMPORTANT BRIDGE MEETING NOT BE BRIEF, AS SMITH SUGGESTED, BUT EXTEND IF NECESSARY OVER ONE OR TWO DAYS TO GIVE EACH SIDE FULL OPPORTUNITY TO LAY OUT ISSUES IN DETAIL. KAUNDA SAID HE SERIOUS ABOUT MEETING, THOUGHT SMITH WAS AS WELL, AND WAS ASSURED OF GOOD FAITH AND SUFFICIENT UNITY WITHIN ANC. BUT HE WAS ALSO AWARE OF REAL NEED FOR ANC TO STICK TOGETHER AND NOT
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ALLOW SMITH TO HARASS OR DIVIDE ANC AS HE HAS DONE THROUGH

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TRICKERY IN PAST. ASKED BY CODEL WHAT US MIGHT DO TO HELP SITUATION ALONG, KAUNDA URGED KEEPING UP PRESSURE ON VORSTER, AND SMITH. THEY HE QUICKLY WITHDREW HIS ADVICE ON VORSTER, SAYING HE GUESSED SAG PM WAS PROBABLY DOING ALL HE COULD WITH SMITH WHICH WAS GOOD. (COMMENT. AT TIME OF MEETING WITH CODEL, KAUNDA APPARENTLY NOT YET SURE OF HIS MEETING WITH VORSTER AT VICTORIA FALLS.)

3. ASKED IF IT WOULD BE USEFUL AT THIS LATE DATE FOR US CONGRESS CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR REPEAL OF BYRD AMENDMENT, KAUNDA THOUGHT IT WOULD, EVEN THOUGH HE CITED THIS AS YET ANOTHER CASE OF US SLOWNESS TO ACT ON MATTERS OF CONCERN TO AFRICA.

4. CRITICISM OF US POLICY. SENATOR FRANK AND DIRECT IN FAULTING US POLICY ON NUMBER OF POINTS. KAUNDA SAID AS EARLY AS 1966 HE WARNED THEN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR OF DANGERS OF EAST-WEST CONFRONTATION AND RACIST WAR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. NOW MANY OF KAUNDA'S WORST FEARS BEING REALIZED. KAUNDA SAID HE AT LOSS TO EXPLAIN WHY US ALWAYS LAGGED BEHIND OTHERS IN CONCERNING ITSELF WITH AFRICAN PROBLEMS AND IN SOME INSTANCES FAILED TO BECOME "INVOLVED" AT ALL. CITED OUR SLOWNESS IN CONTACTS WITH LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN GENERAL. FRELIMO WAS CASE IN POINT. YET US SEEKS ASSISTANCE ON MOZAMBIQUE FROM ZAMBIA. WE CANNOT DO THAT FOR ANY COUNTRY, KAUNDA CONTENDED. HE AGAIN CITED ZANZIBAR AS WORST EXAMPLE OF US NEGLIGENCE. SAID ENTRY OF EAST GERMANS AND OTHERS "HAD CAUSED MANY PROBLEMS FOR JULIUS" (REFERENCE TO NYERERE). KAUNDA HOPED WE WOULD SEE IT IN OUR OWN INTERESTS NOT TO BE LATE IN BECOMING INVOLVED IN PROBLEM OF RHODESIA AND ELSEWHERE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WHERE MUCH OUTSIDE HELP REQUIRED FOR PROMPT AND JUST SOLUTIONS.

5. ANGOLA. KAUNDA DEPLORED DETERIORATION IN SITUATION THERE DESPITE EFFORTS OF NEIGHBORING STATES TO BRIDGE DIFFERENCES UNDER MANDATE FROM OAU. TOOK NOTE OF SENATOR'S VISIT TO ANGOLA AND SAID "OFF THE RECORD" SAVIMBI LOOKING FOR ARMS TO STRIKE BALANCE AGAINST HEAVY INPUTS OF SOVIET ARMS TO MPLA. GAVE STRONG HINT ZAMBIA PREPARED TO ASSIST THROUGH FREE PASSAGE OF ARMS FROM WHATEVER SOURCE. SAID CONFIDENTIAL

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HE DID NOT KNOW WHERE FNLA GETTING ITS ARMS. CODEL ASKED IF CHINESE SUPPLYING FNLA. KAUNDA SAID HE DOUBTED THIS; PRC ENGAGED MOSTLY IN TRAINING.

6. NAMIBIA. KAUNDA SPOKE IN FAVOR OF INDEPENDENT UNITARY STATE WITHOUT BANTUSTANS WHICH WOULD BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH WISHES OF ENTIRE POPULATION AND UN RESOLUTIONS. SAID HE NOT REALLY SURE OF VORSTER'S INTENTIONS AND

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TIMING IN THIS REGARD BUT ADVISED US TO KEEP UP PRESSURE
ON HIM TOWARD THIS END.

7. SOUTH AFRICA. KAUNDA EXPANDED AT SOME LENGTH ON
PROBLEM OF RACISM AND NEED FOR VORSTER TO TAKE SERIOUS
NOTE OF NON-RACIS SOCIETIES BUILDING UP AROUND HIM IN
MOZAMBIQUE, BOTSWANA, LESOTHO, SWAZILAND, AND HOPEFULLY
IN FREE ZIMBABWE AND EVENTUALLY NAMIBIA. SAID HE
REALIZED ATTITUDES IN SOUTH AFRICA WOULD TAKE TIME TO
CHANGE BUT EXAMPLE OF NEIGHBORING STATES COULD BE
CATALYTIC. SPOKE APPROVINGLY OF US STAND AGAINST
APARTHEID AND AGAIN URGES US TO KEEP UP PRESSURE ON SAG
TO BRING ABOUT SOCIAL CHANGE TO ACCOMMODATE MAJORITY
INTERESTS THERE. SAID HE THOUGHT VORSTER WRONG
IN NOT ATTEMPTING TO HAVE SOME CONTACT WITH
SOUTH AFRICAN BLACK NATIONALISTS. MENTIONED EXILED TAMBO OF
ANC, SOUTH AFRICA. (COMMENT. WE ASSUME KAUNDA
INTENDS TO PRESS VORSTER ON THIS POINT AS
WELL AS NAMIBIA AT THEIR PRIVATE VICTORIA FALLS MEETING
WHICH BILLED AS COVERING FULL RANGE OF PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA.)

8. US ZAMBIA RELATIONS. IN REPLY TO CODEL QUESTION, KAUNDA
SAID HE BELIEVED THERE WERE NO REAL PROBLEMS, THANKS TO
EFFORTS OF RESPECTIVE AMBASSADORS, ALTHOUGH THERE SOME ROOM
FOR IMPROVEMENT. TURNING TO ME HE SAID HE WONDERED HOW I
FELT ABOUT HIS RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS AGAINST
CAPITALISM. THEN HALF-APOLOGETICALLY AND SMILING
HE SAID HE WAS ONLY EXPLAINING HUMANISM. I SAID I HOPING
FOR OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH HIM REACTION OF 60 ODD
AMERICAN FIRMS REPRESENTED IN ZAMBIA TO HIS JUNE 30
"WATERSHED" SPEECH ON ECONOMIC REFORMS. CODEL ALSO ALLUDED
TO CONCERN OF US COMPANIES.
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9. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH KAUNDA ASKING CODEL TO CONVEY
HIS WARMEST REGARDS TO PRESIDENT FORD, HIS ADVISERS, AND
MANY FRIENDS WHOM KAUNDA HAS IN US CONGRESS.

10. COMMENTS. KAUNDA RELAXED, CONFIDENT AND VERY OPEN IN
ASSESSING OUTLOOK IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, NONE OF WHICH REALLY
NEW EXCEPT HIS QUALIFIED OPTIMISM OVER VICTORIA FALLS MEETING.
KAUNDA'S SUGGESTION THAT US SOUGHT HELP ON MOZAMBIQUE SURPRISED
ME. IT COULD REFLECT SOME CONFUSION ON KAUNDA'S PART. WE HAVE
EXPRESSED TO ZAMBIANS OUR CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE REBUFF OF OUR
AID OFFER TO MOZAMBIQUE AND WE DID SEEK HELP IN CLARIFYING
FRELIMO ATTITUDE, BUT WE HAVE NEVER MADE A DEMARCHE THAT I KNOW
OF FOR ZAMBIAN HELP IN ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
MOZAMBIQUE. AS THIS WAS SENATOR'S MEETING WITH KAUNDA, I

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REFRAINED FROM INTERVENING TO QUERY PRESIDENT ON THIS POINT
BUT WILL DO SO AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY WITH CHONA, WHO ALSO
PRESENT AT CODEL'S MEETING. I ACCOMPANIED SENATOR CLARK TO
KAUNDA MEETING DESPITE HIS OBJECTIONS AND INSISTENCE ON "PRIVATE"
MEETING.

12. FOREGOING NOT RPT NOT CLEARED WITH CODEL CLARK
WHO IN AND OUT OF LUSAKA WITH TRIPS TO LIVINGSTONE
AND ANGOLA. ASSUME HE WILL BE DRAFTING HIS OWN
REPORT ON KAUNDA MEETING AT LATER DATE.
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